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70/249. Programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017

A

Budget appropriations for the biennium 2016–2017

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the biennium 2016–2017:

1. Appropriations totalling 5,401,794,400 United States dollars are hereby approved for the following purposes:

Section		*Amount (United States dollars)*
	Part I. *Overall policymaking, direction and coordination*	
1.	Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	117 428 000
2.	General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	618 122 200
	Subtotal, part I	**735 550 200**
	Part II. *Political affairs*	
3.	Political affairs	1 238 803 600
4.	Disarmament	24 950 700
5.	Peacekeeping operations	109 624 000
6.	Peaceful uses of outer space	7 162 300
	Subtotal, part II	**1 380 540 600**
	Part III. *International justice and law*	
7.	International Court of Justice	45 975 700
8.	Legal affairs	48 845 900
	Subtotal, part III	**94 821 600**
	Part IV. *International cooperation for development*	
9.	Economic and social affairs	157 717 800
10.	Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	10 912 500
11.	United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	16 798 300

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Section		Amount (United States dollars)
12.	Trade and development	135 159 400
13.	International Trade Centre	35 697 300
14.	Environment	35 331 400
15.	Human settlements	20 806 800
16.	International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice	36 917 600
17.	UN-Women	15 256 400
	Subtotal, part IV	**464 597 500**
	Part V. *Regional cooperation for development*	
18.	Economic and social development in Africa	153 650 300
19.	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	94 646 200
20.	Economic development in Europe	64 870 900
21.	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	105 299 700
22.	Economic and social development in Western Asia	69 369 400
23.	Regular programme of technical cooperation	54 763 400
	Subtotal, part V	**542 599 900**
	Part VI. *Human rights and humanitarian affairs*	
24.	Human rights	191 574 900
25.	International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees	82 204 900
26.	Palestine refugees	55 592 900
27.	Humanitarian assistance	30 402 300
	Subtotal, part VI	**359 775 000**
	Part VII. *Public information*	
28.	Public information	188 021 900
	Subtotal, part VII	**188 021 900**
	Part VIII. *Common support services*	
29A.	Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	22 677 000
29B.	Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	35 043 500
29C.	Office of Human Resources Management	70 800 100
29D.	Office of Central Support Services	166 116 100
29E.	Office of Information and Communications Technology	98 461 800
29F.	Administration, Geneva	134 658 700
29G.	Administration, Vienna	33 204 200
29H.	Administration, Nairobi	28 157 300
	Subtotal, part VIII	**589 118 700**
	Part IX. *Internal oversight*	
30.	Internal oversight	40 213 800
	Subtotal, part IX	**40 213 800**
	Part X. *Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses*	
31.	Jointly financed administrative activities	11 448 200
32.	Special expenses	153 244 800
	Subtotal, part X	**164 693 000**

Section		Amount (United States dollars)
	Part XI. *Capital expenditures*	
33.	Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	97 091 100
	Subtotal, part XI	**97 091 100**
	Part XII. *Safety and security*	
34.	Safety and security	234 295 400
	Subtotal, part XII	**234 295 400**
	Part XIII. *Development Account*	
35.	Development Account	28 398 800
	Subtotal, part XIII	**28 398 800**
	Part XIV. *Staff assessment*	
36.	Staff assessment	482 076 900
	Subtotal, part XIV	**482 076 900**
	Total	**5 401 794 400**

2. The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. In addition to the appropriations approved under paragraph 1 above, an amount of 75,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 2016–2017 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations in Geneva as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

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B

Income estimates for the biennium 2016–2017

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the biennium 2016–2017:

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling 531,347,800 United States dollars are approved as follows:

Income section		Amount (United States dollars)
1.	Income from staff assessment	486 414 800
2.	General income	41 226 700
3.	Services to the public	3 706 300
	Total	**531 347 800**

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, the sale of statistical products, catering operations and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications not provided for under the budget appropriations shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

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C

Financing of appropriations for the year 2016

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the year 2016:

1. Budget appropriations consisting of 2,700,897,200 United States dollars, being half of the appropriation of 5,401,794,400 dollars approved for the biennium 2016–2017 by the General Assembly in paragraph 1 of resolution A above, plus 218,923,200 dollars, being the net increase in appropriations for the biennium 2014–2015 approved by the Assembly in its resolutions 69/274 A of 2 April 2015, 69/274 B of 25 June 2015 and 70/240 A of 23 December 2015, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 3.1 and 3.2 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,[1] as follows:

(*a*) 50,868,900 dollars, consisting of 22,466,500 dollars, being half of the estimated income other than staff assessment income approved for the biennium 2016–2017 under resolution B above, plus 28,402,400 dollars, being the increase in income other than staff assessment income for the biennium 2014–2015 approved by the Assembly in its resolution 70/240 B of 23 December 2015;

(*b*) 13,911,000 dollars, being the difference between the amount appropriated and the amount assessed for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response in its resolutions 69/263 A of 29 December 2014 and 69/274 B;

(*c*) 154,852,400 dollars, for the capital master plan project to be financed from the General Fund in accordance with its resolution 69/274 A, of which 36,613,400 dollars shall be credited from the Special Account established in accordance with its resolution 3049 A (XXVII) of 19 December 1972, 33,000,000 dollars credited from the cancellation of prior-period obligations for the biennium 2012–2013, 40,239,000 dollars from the unencumbered balance for the biennium 2012–2013 and 45,000,000 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with its resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012 on the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations;

[1] ST/SGB/2013/4.

(*d*) 2,700,188,100 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015 on the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations;

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the total amount of 252,038,900 dollars, consisting of:

(*a*) 243,207,400 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the biennium 2016–2017 in paragraph 1 of resolution B above;

(*b*) 8,755,900 dollars, being the increase in income from staff assessment for the biennium 2014–2015 approved by the Assembly in its resolution 69/274 B;

(*c*) 580,100 dollars, being the decrease in income from staff assessment for the biennium 2014–2015 approved by the Assembly in its resolution 70/240 B;

(*d*) 655,700 dollars, being an increase in income from staff assessment for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response pursuant to its resolution 69/263 A.

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70/250. Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2016–2017

The General Assembly

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations[1] and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments in the biennium 2016–2017 to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising either during or subsequent to the biennium, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(*a*) Such commitments not exceeding a total of 8 million United States dollars in any one year of the biennium 2016–2017 as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;

(*b*) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of ad hoc judges (Statute of the International Court of Justice, Article 31), not exceeding a total of 200,000 dollars;

(ii) The calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50) and the appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), not exceeding a total of 50,000 dollars;

(iii) The maintenance in office for the completion of cases of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute, Article 13, paragraph 3), not exceeding a total of 40,000 dollars;

(iv) The payment of pensions and travel and removal expenses of retiring judges and travel and removal expenses and installation grants of members of the Court (Statute, Article 32, paragraph 7), not exceeding a total of 410,000 dollars;

(v) The work of the Court or its Chambers away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of 25,000 dollars;

[1] ST/SGB/2013/4.

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(*c*) Such commitments not exceeding a total of 1 million dollars in the biennium 2016–2017 as the Secretary-General certifies are required for security measures pursuant to section XI, paragraph 6, of General Assembly resolution 59/276 of 23 December 2004;

2. *Resolves* that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee and to the General Assembly at its seventy-first and seventy-second sessions all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. *Decides* that, for the biennium 2016–2017, if a decision of the Security Council results in the need for the Secretary-General to enter into commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security in an amount exceeding 10 million dollars in respect of the decision, that matter shall be brought to the General Assembly, or, if the Assembly is suspended or not in session, a resumed or special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

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70/251. Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2016–2017

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the biennium 2016–2017 in the amount of 150 million United States dollars;

2. Member States shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale of assessments adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Member States to the budget for 2016;

3. There shall be set off against this allocation of advances:

(*a*) Credits to Member States resulting from transfers made in 1959 and 1960 from the surplus account to the Working Capital Fund in an adjusted amount of 1,025,092 dollars;

(*b*) Cash advances paid by Member States to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2014–2015 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/250 of 27 December 2013;

4. Should the credits and advances paid by any Member State to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2014–2015 exceed the amount of that Member State's advance under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of the contributions payable by the Member State in respect of the biennium 2016–2017;

5. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(*a*) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for that purpose;

(*b*) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments that may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, in particular its resolution 70/250 of 23 December 2015 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2016–2017; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

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(*c*) Such sums as may be necessary to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities, which, together with net sums outstanding for the same purpose, do not exceed 200,000 dollars; advances in excess of 200,000 dollars may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(*d*) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee, such sums as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the biennium in which payment is made; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each biennium, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each biennium;

(*e*) Such sums as may be necessary to enable the Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending the accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund;

6. Should the provision in paragraph 1 above prove inadequate to meet the purposes normally related to the Working Capital Fund, the Secretary-General is authorized to utilize, in the biennium 2016–2017, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody, under the conditions approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 1341 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, or the proceeds of loans authorized by the Assembly.

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